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Jobless rates down in 110 counties from April 2011 to April 2012

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EDITOR'S NOTE: April's preliminary and March's revised county unemployment rate charts are posted at http://workforce.ky.gov/Apr12charts.pdf. **Acrobat Reader is required to view charts. To download Acrobat Reader, please see the end of this news release.**

FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 24, 2012) — Unemployment rates fell in 110 Kentucky counties between April 2011 and April 2012, while nine county rates increased and one stayed the same, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 5.1 percent. It was followed by Shelby County, 5.8 percent; Fayette and Oldham counties, 5.9 percent each; Hancock County, 6 percent; Union County, 6.2 percent; Daviess and Ohio counties, 6.3 percent each; and Anderson, Calloway, Spencer and Webster counties, 6.5 percent each.

Fulton County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 20.5 percent. It was followed by Magoffin County, 15.7 percent; Jackson County, 13.7 percent; Leslie County, 13.2 percent; Bell County, 12.7 percent; Clay County, 12.4 percent, Menifee County, 12.3 percent; McCreary County, 12 percent; Wayne County, 11.9 percent and Harlan and Lee counties, 11.7 percent each.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and county figures.

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